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SUBJECT: CALL BY CYPRUS AMBASSADOR ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SEC  
LAINGEN

1. CYPRUS AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU CALLED ON DEPUTY  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAINGEN JANUARY 14 ON INSTRUCTION TO  
REGISTER GOC CONCERN OVER A RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENT BY  
TFSC VICE PRESIDENT OSMAN OREK WHICH CHARACTERIZED THE  
GREEK AREA OF CYPRUS AS THE "UNLIBERATED TURKISH ZONE."  
DIMITRIOU SAID THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THIS TERM HAD BEEN  
USED AND IT WAS YET ANOTHER INDICATION OF TURKISH DESIGNS  
ON THE WHOLE ISLAND. LAINGEN SAID THE STATEMENT WAS  
TYPICAL OF THE PUBLIC RHETORIC EMANATING LATELY FROM BOTH  
SIDES BUT ASSURED DIMITRIOU THAT OREK'S REMARK WOULD  
RECEIVE NO SYMPATHY FROM THE US.

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2. DIMITRIOU ALSO SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CALL OUR ATTENTION TO THE SAD AND WORSENING PLIGHT OF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS LIVING IN THE NORTH. HE COMPLAINED THE TURKS ARE MAKING LIFE EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT IN THE NORTH AND THAT PEOPLE, MANY OF THEM ELDERLY, WERE COMING TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO MOVING SOUTH. THE DOCTORS AND SCHOOLTEACHERS THAT WERE SUPPOSED TO BE ALLOWED TO MOVE NORTH PURSUANT TO THE VIENNA III AGREEMENT WERE STILL BEING

DENIED ACCESS TO THE AREA.

3. DIMITRIOU THEN TURNED TO THE RECENT NEWSPAPER ARTICLES WHICH INDICATED A HARDER US LINE TOWARD COUNTRIES WHICH CONSISTENTLY VOTED AGAINST US INTERESTS IN THE UN. LAINGEN SAID THAT WE WERE NOT ABOUT TO EMBARK ON A PROGRAM OF WHOLESALE SANCTIONS, BUT THAT THERE WOULD BE CLOSER SCRUTINY OF UN VOTING PATTERNS AND THIS WOULD BE FACTORED INTO THE CONTEXT OF OUR OVERALL RELATIONS WITH A GIVEN COUNTRY. LAINGEN REITERATED THAT WE HAD FOUND CYPRUS' RECENT UN RECORD TO BE LESS THAN SATISFACTORY.

4. LAINGEN ASKED DIMITRIOU IF HE WAS AWARE THAT THE NEW YORK TIMES WAS IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING AN ARTICLE ON THE ASSASSINATION OF AMBASSADOR DAVIES. DIMITRIOU REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE. LAINGEN SAID IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ARTICLE WOULD FOCUS ON THE LACK OF PROGRESS BEING MADE TO BRING THE KILLERS TO JUSTICE. LAINGEN RECALLED THAT WE HAD APPROACHED THE GOC ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS ON THIS SUBJECT, AND HAD PROVIDED VIDEO TAPES TAKEN AT THE TIME OF THE KILLING TO AID THE GOVERNMENT IN ITS INVESTIGATION. LAINGEN STRESSED THAT WE CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN LIVE INTEREST IN THE CASE AND HOPED THAT DIMITRIOU WOULD INFORM HIS GOVERNMENT OF OUR DESIRE THAT THE INVESTIGATION BE VIGOROUSLY PURSUED.

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